

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An encapsulated stator assembly, comprising:
 - a plurality of like laminations stacked in registration with one another, each said lamination contacting at least one adjacent lamination, but said laminations not integrally connected in any way to any other lamination;
 - a single covering layer partially enclosing and maintaining in registration said plurality of like laminations; **and**
 - at least one stand-off post extending from said layer, ~~and wherein said at least one stand-off post includes~~
 - a deflectable head extending from said stand-off post and receivable in an appropriate receptacle, wherein said deflectable head has a tapered shoulder that extends to an annular rib that forms a groove, said tapered shoulder and said annular rib having a slot therethrough to allow inward compression of said shoulder and said rib when inserted into said appropriate receptacle that fits into said groove.
2. (Previously amended) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein each said lamination comprises a stamping, said stamping having an inner diameter with two alignment features, and a plurality of teeth extending radially outwardly from said stamping.
3. (Original) The assembly according to claim 2, wherein said layer comprises at least one collar axially extending therefrom and proximally aligned with said inner diameter.
4. (Original) The assembly according to claim 3, further comprising:
 - a radial transition between said collar and said layer, said radial transition facing away from said inner diameter.
5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The assembly according to claim 2 wherein said layer comprises a creepage wall extending from an outer periphery of said layer.
7. (Original) The assembly according to claim 6 wherein each of said plurality of teeth has an edge projection that collectively form an outer diameter with gaps disposed therebetween and wherein said outer diameter is substantially flush with said creepage wall.
8. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to claim 6 7, wherein said layer further comprises a tooth nub extending axially from said creepage wall at each said edge projection.
9. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to claim 8 wherein ~~each of said plurality of teeth has an~~ said edge projections that collectively form an outer diameter, and wherein said tooth nubs project radially inwardly to expose a surface of the lamination that is at the end of said lamination stack.
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26. (Added) An encapsulated stator assembly, comprising:
 - a plurality of like laminations stacked in registration with one another, each said lamination contacting at least one adjacent lamination, but said laminations not integrally connected in any way to any other lamination;
 - a single covering layer partially enclosing and maintaining in registration said plurality of like laminations;
 - a creepage wall extending from an outer periphery of said layer;
 - a tooth nub extending axially from said creepage wall at each said edge projection; and

wherein said edge projections that collectively form an outer diameter, and wherein said tooth nubs project radially inwardly to expose a surface of the lamination that is at the end of said lamination stack.

27. (Added) The assembly according to claim 26, further comprising:

at least one stand-off post extending from said layer; and

a deflectable head extending from said stand-off post and receivable in an appropriate receptacle, wherein said deflectable head has a tapered shoulder that extends to an annular rib that forms a groove, said tapered shoulder and said annular rib having a slot therethrough to allow inward compression of said shoulder and said rib when inserted into said appropriate receptacle that fits into said groove.